

ing, known as the "Gilmor House Hotel," situated on Monument Square, stating that he is anxious to convert that building into a public one for general office purposes, has proposed to this Committee to contract to lease for a period of ten or twenty years, or longer if desired, to the State, the whole of the first and second floors of the main building, comprising ten large and suitable rooms, they being the principal rooms of the building, at an annual rent of \$4,500 for the whole, which amount is less than is now paid by the State, and far superior accommodations, and will be included in the above rent the improved heating and water fixtures, &c., &c.

In the judgment of your Committee the State would thus obtain everything desired in the way of accommodations of all its officers, would be able to place rents to be paid on a most reasonable footing, consolidating them all into one, and would avoid all possibility of fluctuations and necessity for removal, and at certainly a far less sum of money than involved in the plan of a purchase. Besides the saving of the large, original cost, there would be obviously a large amount saved annually in the difference of interest and insurance to which the State would be subjected if possessing a building of its own. The fact is that the State could obtain the benefits required by this mode in the amplest manner, and in addition the power of an early possession should be taken into account. It would be well to transfer at once the following officers. Office of Commissioner of Immigration, Board of Public Works, Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor's room, and as soon as practicable the office of the Collectors of State taxes for the 1st, 2d and 3d districts of the city, which latter officers require the employment of some six or eight clerks.

Your Committee would further state that the proprietor of this property will obligate himself to make all necessary alteration and improvements that may be demanded.

Taking all things into consideration your Committee recommends the removal of the State offices to some suitable building, and report unfavorably on the purchase of any building or site.

S. G. ISRAEL,
Chairman.

W. G. GORDY,
JAMES V. CRISWELL,
GEO. A. COLEMAN.

Which was read.

Also, submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTION:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized to make all necessary